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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

ATTORNEYS FOR THE NORTH SNAKE AND MAGIC VALLEY GROUND WATER DISTRICTS

# BEFORE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE MITIGATION PLAN OF THE NORTH SNAKE AND MAGIC VALLEY GROUND WATER DISTRICTS IMPLEMENTED BY APPLICATIONS FOR PERMIT NOS. 02-10405 AND 36-16645 AND APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER NO. 74904 TO PROVIDE REPLACEMENT WATER FOR CLEAR SPRINGS SNAKE RIVER FARM

(Water District Nos. 130 and 140)

NORTH SNAKE GROUND WATER DISTRICT and MAGIC VALLEY GROUND WATER DISTRICT'S WITNESS DISCLOSURE AND SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

COME NOW NORTH SNAKE GROUND WATER DISTRICT and MAGIC VALLEY GROUND WATER DISTRICT ("Ground Water Districts"), for and on behalf of their respective members, by the undersigned counsel, hereby provide this Witness Disclosure pursuant to the Scheduling Order on September 25, 2008. This disclosure is based upon what the Ground Water Districts know about the facts in this matter.

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As a preliminary matter, the Ground Water Districts state that discovery has not been completed in this matter. The witnesses disclosed below are based on information the Ground Water Districts possess at this time. Additional witnesses may be revealed and disclosed as discovery proceeds. The Ground Water Districts reserve the right to name additional lay and expert witness, including but not limited to an Aquaculturist, as rebuttal witnesses.

#### LAY WITNESSES:

- Orlo Maughan farmer and Chairman of Magic Valley Ground Water District 453 W 900 S Rupert, Idaho 83440
- Lynn Carlquist farmer and Chairman of the North Snake Ground Water District 1092 S 2500 E Hazelton, Idaho 83335
- 3. Dean Stevenson farmer and former officer and current director of the Magic Valley Ground Water District
  600 N 575 W
  Paul, Idaho 83347

All of the above listed individuals may testify as to his knowledge involving the size of their respective ground water districts, the economic impact to the ground water districts for the costs related to the mitigation plan and the efforts made to comply with the department's requirements for mitigation.

4. Various individuals employed by or associated with Snake River Farms or other parties in this matter. The Ground Water Districts may call these yet to be identified individuals employed by or associated with Snake River Farms as witnesses to discuss the current operations at the facilities and issues relating to their water use and water rights.

#### **IDWR WITNESSES:**

Cindy Yenter – Water District 130 Watermaster and Hydrologist IDWR, Southern Region
 1341 Fillmore Street, Suite 200
 Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-3380

Ms. Yenter may testify to her knowledge relating to the Snake River Farms facility, water administration, the proposed mitigation plan and the matters discussed at her deposition. Ms. Yenter may also provide foundation for certain exhibits and documents.

Tim Luke – Manager of the Water Distribution Section IDWR, State Office
 322 E. Front St.
 Boise, ID 83720-0098

Mr. Luke may testify regarding administration of the rights, water distribution in Water Districts 130 and 140, and the matters discussed at his deposition. Mr. Luke may also provide foundation for certain exhibits and documents.

7. Brian Patton - Engineer IDWR, State Office 322 E. Front St. Boise, ID 83720-0098

Mr. Patton may testify regarding aspects of the proposed mitigation plan.

Allen Merritt – Engineer and Regional Manager of Southern Region IDWR, Southern Region
 1341 Fillmore Street, Suite 200
 Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-3380

Mr. Merritt may testify regarding the department policies in transfer proceedings and prior approved transfers and permit applications and to provide foundation for certain exhibits and documents.

9. Allan Wylie – Hydrologist
IDWR, State Office
322 E. Front St.
Boise, Idaho 83720-0098

Mr. Wylie may testify regarding the ESPA ground water model and the utilization of the model relating to mitigation and the proposed mitigation plan.

 Representative from the Department of Environmental Quality 1410 North Hilton Boise, ID 83706-1225

A representative from DEQ may testify regarding permitting, water quality and compliance issues relating to the Snake River Farms facility and the relevant reach of the Snake River and may also testify to provide foundation for certain exhibits and documents.

#### EXPERT WITNESSES:

11. Terry Scanlan, P.E., P.G.

SPF Water Engineering 300 East Mallard Street, Suite 350 Boise, Idaho 83706

Mr. Scanlan may testify about the Amended Mitigation Plan, well design and construction, and development of groundwater from aquifers beneath the Snake River Farms facility. Mr. Scanlan may provide rebuttal testimony depending on what issues develop in the case.

Scott King, P.E.SPF Water Engineering300 East Mallard Street, Suite 350Boise, Idaho 83706

Mr. King may testify about the Amended Mitigation Plan and the measurement of flows from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game springs located east of the Snake River Farms facility and other water rights issues that may arise in the course of litigation. Mr. King may provide rebuttal testimony depending on what issues develop in the case.

Bob Hardgrove, P.E.
SPF Water Engineering
300 East Mallard Street, Suite 350
Boise, Idaho 83706

Mr. Hardgrove may testify about the Amended Mitigation Plan and the conceptual plans and cost estimates for pumping systems and pipelines to provide replacement water to the Snake River Farms facility. Mr. Hardgrove may provide rebuttal testimony depending on what issues develop in the case.

Charles Brendecke, Ph.D.
 AMEC Earth and Environmental
 1002 Walnut Street
 Suite 200
 Boulder, Colorado 80302

Dr. Brendecke may testify about the Amended Mitigation Plan and issues relating to the ESPA model, calculation of mitigation credit, the characteristics of the ESPA and the source from which Snake River Farms diverts water. Dr. Brendecke may also testify regarding other mitigation strategies and options. Dr. Brendecke may provide rebuttal testimony depending on what issues develop in the case.

15. Ray Eldridge, P.E. ESC Boise, ID

Mr. Eldridge may testify about the Amended Mitigation Plan and issues relating to the pump back design and construction, water quality and treatment, and fish hatchery operation and water use and re-use. Mr. Eldridge may provide rebuttal testimony depending on what issues develop in the case.

The Ground Water Districts reserve the right to call any witness disclosed by Snake River Farms or other parties in this matter. Furthermore, as the issues in the case develop, it may be necessary to supplement the above list of witnesses. The Ground Water Districts also reserve the right to call other witnesses in rebuttal.

DATED this 24% day of October, 2008.

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### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on this day of October, 2008, GROUND WATER

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